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# LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TO THE

*Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs,*

IN RELATION TO

## Indian Agencies, &c.

To accompany the bill for the appointment of two additional Indian Agents.

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## DEPARTMENT OF WAR,

12th January, 1824.

SIR: I have received your letter of the 19th ultimo, enclosing, by direction of the Committee on Indian Affairs, "a letter of Mr. Conway, the delegate from the Arkansas Territory, for my consideration and report;" also inquiring "the number of Indian Agents and sub-agents now in the employ of the United States; to what tribe they are agents; the full amount of compensation paid to each; the number of each tribe to which agents are appointed, and their locality; and whether it is necessary to appoint additional agents; if so, to what tribes, and their numbers."

In reply, I have to state that, upon mature consideration, it is the opinion of this Department, that two additional agencies, west of the Mississippi, will be necessary. One for the Delawares, Kickapoos, Shawnees, Weas, Piankeshaws, and Peorias, who are settled on the waters of White river, and confines of the state of Missouri and territory of Arkansas. The aggregate number of these Indians is *now* estimated at about 8000, and is constantly increasing by emigrations from the remnants of their respective tribes which yet remain on this side of the Mississippi. They are now at peace with their neighbors, the Osages and Cherokees, and friendly towards our citizens. To preserve this desirable state of things, and to attend in person to the payment of the respective annuities, would require all the attention, and great industry and accuracy on the part of the agent. It is believed that no person of sufficient weight of character and talents, would be willing to undertake so responsible duties, and give his whole time to them for the very moderate compensation allowed by law to a sub-agent, and therefore that the appointment of an agent should be authorized by law.

An additional agent will be required for the Osages upon the Arkansas, provided they are to remain in their present situation. The Osage Indians reside principally on the Osage river; but there is a very considerable portion of the tribe that reside on the Arkansas, west of the Cherokee settlement, on that river. They are so far removed from the other portion of the tribe, as to render it impracticable to place them, with advantage, under the same agent; whilst their position is such as to bring them into collision with the Cherokees, on the Arkansas, to the great disturbance of our settlements in that quarter. The Cherokee hunting ground lies high up the Arkansas, and, in order to reach it, they are compelled to pass by the settlements of the Osages, which is the principal cause of the collision between the two nations. It is the intention of the Department to take measures during the next summer, to induce, if possible, this band of the Osages to join the other upon the Osage river. Should it succeed, the evil, and the necessity for a separate agent, will be removed. It

is doubtful, however, whether they can be induced to change their residence, as they are said to be very much attached to the present settlement. If the Committee should deem it advisable, under these circumstances, to authorize a separate agency, in the event of the removal of the Osages on the Arkansas, to Osage river, the agent to be appointed might be transferred, under the act of the 3d March, 1819, to the Choctaws west of the Mississippi. The last treaty with the Choctaws, in fact, stipulates for the appointment of such an agent, and so soon as a sufficient number of that tribe emigrates west of the Mississippi to justify the appointment of an agent, the Government will be bound to provide for the appointment of one.

Accompanying this is a list which shews "the number of Indian agents and sub agents now in service; to what tribe they are agents; the full amount of compensation paid to each, and their locality." For "the number of each tribe to which agents are appointed," I must refer you to the report of Dr. Morse, (a copy of which is herewith transmitted,) which has been compiled from authentic materials, and contains the most accurate information on this subject, in the possession of the Department. When the report is no longer wanted for the use of the Committee, I will thank you to return it.

All the Indian agents have been ordered to fix their agencies among or near the tribe or tribes attached to them respectively; and they all are permanently located accordingly, with the exception of Major Graham. A site, however, has been fixed on for his agency, and as soon as the necessary buildings can be erected, he will reside there. At present his residence is at St. Louis; but, it is understood, that he is among the Indians of his agency twice a year, at those periods when they are at their villages, and continues with them until they leave them on their hunting excursions; in which they are represented to be for the greater part of their time engaged.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

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Hon. JOHN COCKE, *Ch. Com. on Indian Affairs,*  
*House of Representatives U. S.*

**LIST OF INDIAN AGENTS** now in service under the authority of the Acts of Congress, of the 20th April, 1818, 3d March, 1819, (two acts of this date) and 6th May, 1822, which last Act also authorizes a Superintendent at St. Louis; shewing to what tribe they are Agents; and the amount of compensation (which is fixed by law) paid to each.

NO.	NAMES AND STATIONS.	FOR WHAT TRIBE OR TRIBES.	COMPENSA- TION.
1	John Crowell, Creek agency, } * Ga. }	Creeks - - - - -	\$1,800
2	William Ward, Choctaw agency*	Choctaws - - - - -	1,800
3	Joseph M'Minn, Cherokee, a- } * gency, Tenn. }	Cherokees, East Mississippi - - - - -	1,300
4	Edward W. Duval, Cherokee } agency, on Arkansas }	Cherokees, West Mississippi - - - - -	1,500
5	Benjamin F. Smith, Chicka- } * saw agency }	Chickasaws - - - - -	1,300
6	George Gray, Sulphur Forks, } Red river }	Caddos, and the various tribes on Red river - - -	1,200
7	Benjamin O'Fallon, Council } * Bluffs, Missouri }	The various tribes on the Missouri - - - - -	1,800
8	Richard Graham, St. Louis *	Osages, Delawares, &c. &c. in Missouri - - -	1,300
9	Lawrence Taliaferro, St. Pe- } * ter's, Up. Mississippi }	Sioux, Chippewas, &c. on the Upper Mississippi, and the St. Peters - - - - -	1,300
10	Thomas Forsyth, Fort Arm- } strong, Rock river }	Sauks and Foxes, &c. of Rock river, and in the vicinity of Fort Armstrong - - - - -	1,200
11	Nicholas Boilvin, Prairie du } Chien }	Sauks and Foxes, &c. on the Mississippi, and in the vicinity of Prairie du Chien - - - - -	1,200



# LIST OF INDIAN AGENTS—Continued.

NO.	NAMES AND STATIONS.	FOR WHAT TRIBE OR TRIBES.	COMPENSA- TION.
12	John Johnston, Piqua, Ohio	Wyandots, Shawnees, Senecas, &c. in Ohio - -	\$1,200
13	Henry B. Brevoort, Green Bay } Bay }	Wynebagoes, Menomeenees, &c. in the vicinity of Green Bay - - - -	1,500
14	Alexander Wolcott, jr. Chicago *	Chippewas, Ottawas, Potawatomes, &c. in the vicinity of Chicago - - - -	1,300
15	George Boyd, Mackinaw	Chippewas, &c. in the vicinity of Mackinaw - -	1,400
16	John Tipton, Fort Wayne *	Miamies, Weas, and Eel rivers, &c. in Indiana - -	1,200
17	Henry R. Schoolcraft, Sault de St. Marie } *	Ottawas, Chippewas, Potowatomies, &c. in the vicinity of the Sault of St. Mary - - - -	1,200
18	Gad Humphreys, now in St. Augustine—but will be located among the Indians as soon as they can be concentrated on the lands assigned them by the late treaty } *	Seminoles and other tribes in Florida - -	1,500

The number of Sub-Agents now in service, is 22, of which there is one attached to each of the Agencies, marked thus \*, to aid the respective Agents in the performance of their duties. There is, also, one attached to the superintendency at St. Louis, and one to the superintendency of Governor Cass, at Detroit, to aid the Superintendents. The remainder are employed as follows, to wit:

LIST OF INDIAN AGENTS—Continued.

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Jasper Parrish, Six Nations, New York.

Pierre Menard, Kaskaskia, &c. in Illinois.

James Latham, Tribes of Indians in the vicinity of Peoria, and on the Illinois river.

James M'Pherson, Shawnees, and Senecas, of Lewistown, Ohio.

John Shaw, Wyandots, Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

James Montgomery, Senecas, Seneca-town, on Sandusky river.

Benjamin Stickney, Ottawas, on the Miami and Blanchard's Fork, Ohio.

Whitmore Knaggs, Ottawas, and Chippewas, Michigan.

Gabriel Godfrey, Potawatomies, Michigan.

Nathaniel Philbrook, Osages, on the Arkansas.

The compensation paid to Sub-Agents is, \$500 per annum; and is fixed at that rate by the Act of 20th April, 1818.

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